Namibia Safari

2017 & 2018

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The Most Luxurious Train in the World
# NAMIBIA SAFARI

This nine-day 3 400-kilometre journey takes the train from the savannahs of the Highveld to the Atlantic in the west. Departing from Pretoria, the first stop is Kimberley, centre of one of the world’s famous diamond rushes where there is an opportunity to savour the 1870s atmosphere of the mine village. The train traverses the stark vistas of the Northern Cape to the Fish River Canyon – second in size to the Grand Canyon – and Garas Park with its Quiver Tree Forest and the Giant’s Playground. Guests continue across the untamed beauty of the Kalahari Desert to Namibia’s capital for a tour; Windhoek is a lively, cosmopolitan city with a strong German flavour. Then it’s a short flight to Sossusvlei, a stunning pan in the Namib Desert, for an overnight stay followed by a night in the game-rich Etosha National Park. On the last morning, the train travels the Namib to the perfectly preserved 19th-century German Hansa town of Swakopmund and Walvis Bay – an unforgettable end to a remarkable journey. Available in reverse.

## PRETORIA to SWAKOPMUND WALVIS BAY

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<td>Depart Rovos Rail Station in Pretoria and travel south towards the goldfields of the Wilwaterrand.</td>
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<td>09h45 12h30</td>
<td>Visit the Big Hole and Diamond Museum in Kimberley. Depart for Upington and travel the Karoo semi-desert.</td>
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<td>08h00 23h00</td>
<td>Optional two-hour walking tour of Upington. Arrive at Hoogoloo after border formalities at Nakop.</td>
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<td>08h00 11h00 15h00</td>
<td>One-hour transfer to visit the Fish River Canyon. Depart for Keetmanshoop. Traverse the Kalahari. Transfer to Garas Park (Quiver Tree Forest/Giant’s Playground).</td>
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<td>09h00 11h00</td>
<td>Arrive in Windhoek for a city tour. Depart in light aircraft for one-hour flight to a Sossusvlei lodge for lunch, desert drive, bus dinner and overnight.</td>
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<td>06h00 12h00 14h00</td>
<td>Sossusvlei drive with breakfast in the vlei. Depart Sossusvlei for one-hour flight to Windhoek. Depart Windhoek. Travel south to Etoha Park.</td>
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<td>Early morning game drive in the Etoha National Park. Optional two-hour walking tour of Upington. Day at leisure as the train travels into the Great Karoo.</td>
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<td>07h00 12h00</td>
<td>Enjoy breakfast as the train travels the Namib. Arrive at journey’s end in Walvis Bay, Namibia.</td>
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<td>12h00</td>
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<td>Enjoy breakfast as the train travels the goldfields. Arrive at journey’s end at Rovos Rail Station, Pretoria.</td>
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## MEALS ON THE TRAIN (unless adjusted)
Breakfast 07h00-10h00 • Lunch 13h00 • Tea 16h30 • Dinner 19h30.

## RACK RATE ONE WAY PER PERSON SHARING

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<tr>
<td>Royal Suite</td>
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## DEPARTURE DATES ARE SPECIFIC

Excursions may be changed according to schedule achieved. Times are approximate and cannot be guaranteed. Please check schedule with reservations@rovos.co.za or on www.rovos.com. We caution against same-day air travel on departure or arrival days due to possible delays with flights or the train.

## BOOKING

Upon written request, visit your local travel agent or credit card service provider for assistance.

## PASSPORTS & VISAS

The onus is upon guests to ensure passports and visas, as may be required, are valid prior to departure for Africa. Visas available through booking agents; please check with relevant embassies for requirements.

## HEALTH

Passengers are advised to take anti-malarial precautions and vaccinations as might be prescribed. A Yellow Fever or Medical Exemption Certificate is essential if travelling to/from Tanzania.
Train Specifications

**Royal Suites ±16 SQ METRES**

- **Double Bed**: 189l x 189w
- **Twin Beds**: 189l x 94w

**Deluxe Suites ±10 SQ METRES**

- **Lengthways Double Bed**
  - Double: 189l x 189w
  - Twin: 189l x 94w

- **Crosswise Double Bed**: 189l x 160w

- **L-Twin Beds**: 189l x 90w

**Pullman Suites ±7 SQ METRES**

- **Daytime Sofa Couch**: 189l x 90w

- **Night-Time Upper and Lower Bed**
  - Lower: 189l x 90w
  - Upper: 189l x 60w

- **Night-Time Double Bed**: 189l x 150w

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Lounge area

Mini-bar facilities

Air-conditioning

Bathroom with bath and shower

Luggage shelf, cupboards and safe

Lounges Car

Dining Car

Observation Car

Club Lounge Car

Mini-bar facilities, air-conditioning, bathrooms with shower, luggage shelf, cupboards and safe
GENERAL INFORMATION

Booking
Upon written request via email or fax and subject to availability, we will provisionally book your place on the chosen tour. No deposits are required. Space is allocated and held BUT if another client requires definite suites, the holding agent/guest will be asked to confirm with a deposit payment (see below) or release the suite. Upon receipt of a written confirmation via email or fax and a completed Reservation Form, final confirmation details and an invoice will be sent to you. Upon receipt of the relevant payment, your booking on the chosen tour will be confirmed.

Payment Schedule
- Individuals and Small Groups – less than 10 guests: A 25% deposit is required to confirm the reservation.
- Final payment is due no later than 8 weeks prior to departure.

Payment Insurance
Cancellation insurance is compulsory and will not be waived. We offer insurance to South African residents. For international guests we suggest you contact your local travel agent for assistance. Please bring a copy of your travel insurance policy stating clearly the company, policy number and 24-hour medical emergency telephone number.

Cancellations Policy
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Scheduling Times, Routes and Excursions
We cannot be held liable for any delays due to trains not running to schedule. Off-train excursions cannot be guaranteed and will only be undertaken if time and circumstances permit. Departure and arrival times are approximate and cannot be guaranteed. We reserve the right to alter our routing at any time between departure and arrival points.

Passports and Visas
The onus is upon the client to ensure that passports and visas, as may be required, are valid prior to departure for Africa. Please enquire with us or check with the relevant embassies in good time regarding applications. Visas are also available through booking agents. Visitors to South Africa are required to have at least three blank VISA pages in their passports to receive an entry visa. Passports must be valid for at least six months from the guests’ return-home date. We travel through South Africa, Swaziland, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Zambia and Tanzania on various trips.

Health
- Please ensure you have filled out the Reservation Form to indicate if you have any medical conditions, physical disabilities or allergies. There is a basic First Aid Kit on board. We have a doctor on board on the Dar es Salaam trip.
- A Yellow Fever/Medical Exemption Certificate is essential if travelling to/from Tanzania. Although all countries travelled through don’t require this, countries guests return to after the trip often require them.
- Please consult your clinic or doctor. TRAVEL DOCTOR AFRICA local 0881 300 911 or international +27 11 214 9030.

Currency
- South Africa – Rands only. We accept all major credit cards on the train.
- Outside of South Africa – Any off-train expenses or additional excursions booked while on the train are to be paid with US Dollars. Hotels and major dealers accept credit cards.
- US Dollars printed before year 2001 won’t be accepted. Low denominations recommended for shopping/gratuities. Larger denominations recommended for exchanging money to local currency (especially in Tanzania) as you get a better rate. The Gift Shop on board might exchange money if currency is available, but it is not normally catered for.

Gratuities
Gratuities for the staff are at your discretion. If you wish to show your appreciation in this manner, there is a suitably marked envelope in your suite that you can hand directly to the Train Manager who will distribute any amounts on a pro-rata basis (share) amongst the staff on board. An amount between ZAR100 to ZAR200 (± US$10 to US$20) per person per night is suggested, depending on the length of your journey.

Children
Please be sensitive to the adult atmosphere of the train by keeping your children respectful and quiet. Long journeys are not recommended for under 13s. There are no child-minding facilities or activities for children on board. See Child Policy.

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Locomotion
Use of steam has become increasingly difficult over the years as more and more water and coaling facilities have been scrapped. Diesel or electric locomotives are used while steam is used in and around the area of Rovos Rail Station only.

The Track
The track over which we travel is inconsistently maintained. If you wake at night imagining the train is travelling at high speed, be assured it is the state of the track below creating that impression. We restrict the train to 80km/h (37mph) and over bad sections reduce speed to as little as 20km/h (12mph). If you find it noisy, earplugs are available.

Cuisine
Meals are served in one sitting only in the charming Victorian atmosphere of the dining cars and are complemented by a selection of fine South African wines. Breakfast: 07h00-10h00 • Lunch: 13h00 • Tea: 16h30 • Formal Dinner: 19h30. All meals are served at these times unless otherwise stated in the timetable. A gong heralds lunch and dinner.

Dietary Requirements
We will do our best to cater for dietary requirements provided a detailed request has been made on the Reservation Form. If a special request has not been made, the chefs will endeavour to prepare suitable meals with the ingredients available on board. We regret we are unable to prepare meals requiring strict religious observance in the preparation.

Dress
For days on the train dress is smart casual. Evening attire is more formal – for gentlemen a jacket and tie is a minimum requirement while for ladies we suggest cocktail/evening dresses or suits. For off-train excursions, we strongly recommend comfortable walking shoes, sun lotion and hats. If required, blankets and rain capes are available. For game drives, which are on open vehicles, please dress accordingly: mornings can be cool then warm up considerably; afternoons can be warm then cool down considerably. Please see average temperatures as a guide.

Mobile Devices and Internet
In maintaining the spirit of travel of a bygone era, there are no radios or television sets on board. The use of mobile phones, laptops and essentially anything that has the ability to disturb other passengers is confined to the privacy of your suites only. The reception is poor while the train is moving. It is advisable to contact your service provider to ensure the correct settings for network services are activated. Internet is available at our lounge in Cape Town, Rovos Rail Station, Tau Game Lodge, Victoria Falls Hotel, Mokuti Lodge and most of the other Namibia Safari accommodation.

Smoking
On board the train, smoking is allowed in the Club Lounge only. Please note on the Reservation Form provided if you are smoking or non-smoking so that the appropriate room might be requested at the hotels. Smoking is allowed in the privacy of your suite, but please be mindful that the train is generally made up of wood; please don’t throw flammable items such as cigarette or cigar butts off the train as bush fires in Africa are a constant and dangerous hazard.

Laundry
There is a limited laundry service on board comprising household washers, dryers and steam irons. The turnaround is 48 hours so we are not able to handle a week’s worth of washing. Please note that while we are providing a complimentary service we cannot be held responsible for items that may be damaged or lost in the process. There are no dry-cleaning facilities en route or on board the train.

Luggage
Each suite has a luggage rack that runs its length providing ample space for storage. On selected annual journeys, guests are provided with a Rovos Rail tog bag that can be used for overnight trips or hand luggage on aircraft.

Gift Shop
There is a small gift shop on the train and at Rovos Rail Station. Due to the varying exchange rates, credit cards are preferred. The host/ess on duty has a basic First Aid Kit and personal essentials (toothbrushes, razors, earplugs etc.). He/she will also fulfil any administrative requirements and check your onward arrangements. Stamps are available for sale and postcards may be posted in the post box at the entrance to the Observation Car or at Rovos Rail Station.

Special Occasions
Please note on the Reservation Form if you are celebrating a special occasion as we would like to share it with you.

Books, Magazines and Games
There are board games, playing cards, a card table (dependent), books and magazines available for your use in the Lounge and Observation Cars. In your suite is a Journeys magazine featuring articles of interest related to your route.

Electrical Current and Adaptors
220V AC 50Hz 3-point round-pronged wall plugs, 110V/220V 2-pin plugs for shavers. International adaptors available.

Safes
An electronic safe is provided in the cupboard in each suite.

Telephone
There is an internal telephone system on board. Numbers are listed on the provided Guest/Rooming List.

Temperature and Air-conditioning
All public cars are fitted with gas-filled air-conditioning systems. Each suite has an individual air-conditioner with temperature controls that can also be set to heat mode. Fresh-air intake is solved by opening a window. Windows should be closed while operating the air-conditioning unit. Electric under-blankets are fitted on the bed. See guide...
### TERMS & CONDITIONS

**HOW TO MAKE A PROVISIONAL RESERVATION** Upon written request via email or fax and subject to availability, we will provisionally book your place on the chosen tour. No deposits are required. Space is allocated and held BUT if another client requires definite suites, the holding agent/guest will be asked to confirm with a deposit payment (see below) or release the suite.

**HOW TO CONFIRM YOUR BOOKING** Upon receipt of a written confirmation via email or fax and a completed Reservation Form, final confirmation details and an invoice will be sent. Upon receipt of the relevant payment, your booking will be confirmed.

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE**
- **Individuals and Small Groups – less than 10 guests:** A 25% deposit is required to confirm the reservation. Final payment is due no later than 8 weeks prior to departure.
- **Groups – 10 or more guests**

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**CANCELLATION POLICY**

Cancellations of confirmed bookings are compulsory and will not be waivered.

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**RATE INCLUDES**
- Three meals daily and all alcoholic and other beverages
- Excursions accompanied by a qualified tour guide
- Entrance fees as per itinerary
- 24-hour full room service and bar facilities
- Limited laundry service
- Government tax

**RATE EXCLUDES**
- Staff gratuities • French Champagne • Off-train beverages

**INCLUDED in off-train accommodation on annual journeys:**
- Accommodation • Meals at the lodges, hotels, clubs or resorts
- Water and limited wine selection at certain establishments

**EXCLUDED from off-train accommodation on annual journeys:**
- Off-train beverages (dependent) • Off-train laundry
- Telephone calls • Memorabilia purchases

**PRICES** We will do our utmost to keep to the prices that are published. However, if increases are forced on us we reserve the right, prior to confirmation, to amend the tour price.

**SCHEDULING TIMES & ROUTES** We cannot be held liable for any delays due to trains not running to schedule. Excursions cannot be guaranteed and will only be undertaken if time and circumstances permit. The departure and arrival times are approximate and cannot be guaranteed. We reserve the right to alter our routing any time between departure and arrival points.

**OF SPECIAL NOTE** Although certain limited insurances have been arranged, neither Rovos Rail Tours (Pty) Ltd, nor its servants, agents or employees, shall be liable for any loss or damage to passengers’ luggage or effects. Insofar as one of the tours may include a visit to a game reserve and whilst attacks by wild animals are extremely rare, similarly neither Rovos Rail, nor its servants, agents or employees, accept any liability whatsoever for any injury or incidents to passengers or their belongings. The passenger hereby waives any claim which he/she may have against Rovos Rail Tours (Pty) Ltd, its servants, agents, employees or subcontractors (all of the aforementioned being collectively referred to as ‘Rovos Rail’) for any injury and/or loss of any nature whatsoever (including, without limiting the generality of the a foregoing, consequential loss) arising for any reason of any nature whatever directly or indirectly out of any aspect of the tour including, without limiting the generality of the a foregoing, any form of transport used for the purpose of the tour. This waiver shall be binding on the passenger’s executors, heirs, trustees and dependants. The passenger records that all the services and facilities provided to the passenger are accepted voluntarily and with full knowledge that they may expose the passenger to injury, danger or loss. The passenger further records that any statement, representation or information given to them by Rovos Rail shall, unless given in writing, not prejudice this waiver in any manner whatsoever. The passenger indemnifies Rovos Rail in respect of any claim that may be made by any third party arising out of any claim in respect of which the passenger gives the aforementioned waiver. This agreement shall be governed solely by laws of the Republic of South Africa.

**CHANGES** Rovos Rail reserves the right to amend the tour price at any time prior to written confirmation of the reservation. Rovos Rail further reserves the right to cancel or amend any sightseeing excursions or the tour departure dates provided they can offer the passenger alternative sightseeing excursions or departure dates. Rovos Rail is not responsible for any delay or changes in tour arrangements that may be caused by natural or other factors beyond the control of Rovos Rail. There will be no refunds for any part of the tour that might be missed due to personal reasons.

**PASSPORTS & VISAS** It is upon the client to ensure passports and visas, as may be required, are valid prior to departure for Africa. Visas available through booking agents; please check with relevant embassies for requirements.

**HEALTH** Anti-malarial and Yellow Fever precautions may be required in countries being visited. A Yellow Fever or Medical Exemption Certificate is essential if travelling to/from Tanzania. Although all countries travelled through don’t require this, countries guests return to after the trip often require them.

**PHOTOGRAPHY** Rovos Rail reserves the right without notice to make use of any photography/film taken by our staff on the tour for general publicity purposes without payment or permission.

**MAXIMUM TRAIN CAPACITY** Classic 1: 39 suites • Classic 2: 39 suites • Edwardian: 23 suites. We reserve the right to increase or decrease accommodation capacity as circumstances require.

**WHETHER THE PASSENGER RETURNS A SIGNED COPY OF THESE CONDITIONS OR NOT, THE CONDITIONS WILL BE DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED AND WILL BE IN FORCE UPON CONFIRMATION OF THE BOOKING.**

I, or the person/s on whose behalf I am making this booking, have read and accepted the conditions above.